(b) whether imposition of heavy tariff on Indian steel by USA is going to affect adversely on our exports; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export performance depends upon various factors such as demand and supply, prices, levy of duties & taxes etc. All other factors remaining the same, the imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel bars into USA from India may affect our exports. However, it is not possible to state with certainty the likely impact of imposition of tariffs by USA.

(c) Anti-dumping duty is imposed by Governments under national laws conforming to Article VI of the GATT. As anti-dumping actions are directed at the export pricing policies of the individual companies, the main role of the Government generally is to see that such action conforms to the multilaterally agreed disciplines.

Labour shortage affecting Tea Production in Darjeeling

5098. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Darjeeling tea has now come to a standstill;

(b) whether it is due to growing ethnic problem in that area;

(c) if so, how does Government propose to tackle the problem of the shortage of labour in the tea garden; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been a marginal decline in the estimated production of Darjeeling tea during 1994 as compared to 1993 on account of adverse agro-climatic conditions.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Percentage of GDP constituting exports

5099. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of GDP constituting current exports;

(b) what is the quantum figure of GDP;

(c) what are the details for the last three years in terms of percentage of GDP;

(d) whether India has attained export level in terms of percentage of GDP of current year in any previous year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The value of exports and Gross Domestic Products (GDP) at current market prices and the ratio of exports to GDP for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given below:—